

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Thank you for giving us a chance to voice our opinion regarding why we would like to see highway signs for Fr. Michael J. McGivney.

My name is Frank Mirto, Sheriden Council #24, Knights of Columbus, Waterbury, CT. I am here with other members of the council on behalf of Fr. McGivney.

For starters, those who don't know who Fr. McGivney was, I would like to note the small Fr. McGivney cards that were distributed.

Fr. McGivney was born in Waterbury, CT in 1852. He died in 1890 at the age of 38. He became a priest in 1877. Out of his Good Shepherd's love to protect women and children, he founded the Knights of Columbus in 1882 in New Haven, CT.

Fr. McGivney's monument in Waterbury, CT was recently refurbished. The cost of the refurbishment was \$30,000.00

The Knights of Columbus has grown to close to two million members all over the world in 14 countries with 14,000 councils. The councils represent charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism.

The Knights of Columbus does a huge amount of charity work. For example, on December 23, 2014 Supreme Knight, Carl A. Anderson, presented a \$100,000.00 check to the CT Food Bank. Earlier in the year, \$20,000.00 was given to the bank for the Thanksgiving holiday.

In the past 130 years, millions of dollars have been given to help others around the world in places such as the Philippines, Iraqis, Africa, Europe, Mexico, and Poland. The list goes on.

\$1.4 million dollars was given for Special Olympics World Games in 2014.

Humanitarian relief was provided the world over in the form of food, clothing, and shelters. The same is true for our cities both local and nationwide.

Fr. McGivney is on his way to sainthood. He has been venerable. He will be the first American born priest to be made a saint. This will be a great honor for all of us in the United States and indeed for Waterbury, CT

The signs will honor him and bring Fr. McGivney well-deserved recognition. The signs will draw and invite many people to visit the monument and allow all to see where Fr. McGivney was born, lived and buried

*I HAVE A COPY OF FR. MCGIVNEY GUILD NEW LETTER  
LETTERS ABOUT FOUNDER'S HOMETOWN STAIRS REFRUBISHED.  
THIS LETTER GOES TO KNIGHTS ALL OVER THE WORLD,  
THE SMALL FR. MCGIVNEY CARD, THE SHERIDEN COUNCIL  
#24 IN WATERBURY PRODUCED ON OUR OWN, HAS BEEN DISTRIBUTED OVER  
1000, TO HELP IN THIS ENDEAVOR. THANK YOU*